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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Applicant files this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) after the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance, to the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time of filing this IDS. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Applicant has attached a copy of a communication issued by the Japanese Patent Office in corresponding Application No. 2003-175818 on February 25, 2009. Applicant has also attached a copy of a communication issued by the Japanese Patent Office in corresponding Application No. 2003-175818 on July 14, 2009.

Applicant has also attached copies of the foreign documents.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status such documents.

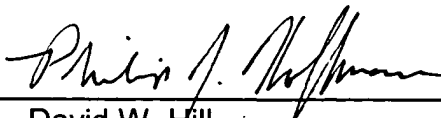
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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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